Modernisation of drains in Andhra Pradesh

2391. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals in their memorandum for modernisation of four drains in the coastal areas at an estimated cost of Rs. 111.00 crores to improve irrigation drains as coastal areas suffer a major problem of poor drainage as a result of which a large thickly habitated areas remain submerged whenever heavy rains and floods occur;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) do not arise.

Inter-linking of major rivers

2392. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in regard to inter-linking of major rivers in the country and to provide water to water deficient regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any time-frame in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether feasibility reports for linking rivers have been completed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-